

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An information reproducing apparatus which reads compressed information recorded on a recording medium by one of a plurality of different compression methods, writes the compressed information read into a memory, supplies the compressed information in the memory, to an expander in the order of writing and outputs reproduced information. The type of compression method used in compressing the information read from the recording medium is determined and the timing of starting to read the compressed information from the memory is controlled in accordance with a determination.